A High-Pressure, High-Temperature Phase Change Induced by Fluorine Chemistry in Mixture Systems with C, H, N, O, F Atoms

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Chemically reactive systems containing C, H, N, O atoms produce mixtures such as CO, CO_2 , H_2O , N_2 , etc. at high pressure and high temperature. Our earlier calculations predicted that these molecules separate into an N_2 -rich and an N_2 - poor fluid phases. Addition of F atoms, examined in this study, complicates this chemical equilibrium, as they can react with H or C atoms to produce HF or CF_4 . The present chemical equilibrium calculations predict that fluorine occurs mostly as HF in the N_2 -poor phase up to a certain pressure, beyond which it appears mostly as a constituent in CF_4 in the N_2 -rich phase. This shift in fluorine chemistry is often abrupt in thermodynamic sense, enhancing character of the N_2 -fluid phase change. We will discuss relevance of the present prediction to detonation properties of high explosives containing fluorine binders.

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